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Mr. T. S. Ramaswami Ayyar :—" What is the percentage of promotion to the higher grade in the case of Assistant Professors? Are they given opportunities to rise to the selection grade in the service."

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar :—" I am not able to understand the supplementary question. If the hon. Member means the rate of promotion to the selection grade, the percentage is 5 per cent."

Mr. T. S. Ramaswami Ayyar :—" What is the percentage of promotion from this grade to the higher service ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar :—" Notice."

Excise

Functions of the Abkari Advisory Committees.

*36 Q.—Mr. J. A. Davis : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state whether the functions of the Abkari Advisory Committee are restricted to the one matter of the approval or change of sites for liquor shops ?

A.—The answer is in the negative. The hon. Member's attention is invited to rules 12 to 14 of the rules for the constitution of, and the conduct of business by, the Excise Advisory Committees published at pages 1262–63 of Part II of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated the 6th September 1927.

Effect of Temperance Propaganda on Excise Revenue.

*37 Q.—Mr. K. P. V. S Muhammad Meera Ravuttar : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state how far the propaganda has affected the Excise revenue of the Government in the districts in which this propaganda is carried on ?

A.—The Temperance Propaganda Scheme has been in operation only since the latter part of the year 1929 and it is too early to estimate its effect on the Excise revenue.

Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar :—" May I know whether it is a fact, Sir, that the Excise revenue has increased in spite of the Temperance Propaganda ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar :—" I do not think so."

Mr. M. A. Manikkavelu Nayakar :—" Will the hon. the Minister state whether they are going to continue Temperance Propaganda ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar :—" It has not been settled yet. It is under consideration."

Mr. M. A. Manikkavelu Nayakar :—" May I know when it will be settled ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar :—" I cannot say exactly, when."

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Khan Bahadur MAHMUD SCHAMNAD SAHIB :—" May I know whether the matter of continuing it is being considered now ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR :—" Yes. When I say that the matter is under consideration, it means it is under the consideration of the Government whether they should continue it or not."

Veterinary

Rinderpest epidemic in South Kanara.

*38 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether Government are aware that rinderpest of a virulent type is now raging round about Mudabidri and other places in South Kanara ;

(*b*) whether serum-simultaneous injections are being given for combating this epidemic ; and if so,

(*c*) how many cattle have so far been given injections ; and

(*d*) what steps are being taken to control this epidemic and prevent its spread to other places ?

A—(*a*) The Director of Veterinary Services received a report from the District Veterinary officer, Calicut, that rinderpest was prevalent in and around Mudabidri and asked for the supply of anti-rinderpest serum sufficient to inoculate thousand animals ;

(*b*) *to* (*d*) Yes. Since the beginning of this month, the District Veterinary Officer, Calicut, has been supplied with 15,000 doses of serum. Larger supplies could not be arranged as the total quantity indented for from the Muktesar Institute had not been received. In September last, the Director indented for 140,000 doses but was supplied only 100,000 doses.

No information is available as to how much of the 15,000 doses supplied to the District Veterinary Officer are intended for inoculating the cattle in Mudabidri and the villages around it.

Mr. A. B. SHETTY :—" Is the hon. Minister aware of the fact that, due to want of sufficient stock of serum, the work of injection has not been carried satisfactorily in the affected area ? "

The hon. Mr P. T. RAJAN :—" The reply to the supplementary question is contained in the answer to clauses (*b*) to (*d*)."

Mr. A. B. SHETTY :—" May I know how Government propose to get the required supply of serum for carrying on effectively the work of injection in the affected areas ? "

The hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN :—" The question of opening a serum institution in this Presidency itself is engaging the attention of the Government."

Mr. A. B. SHETTY :—" May I know whether Government will take prompt measures to control the epidemic in South Kanara ? "

The hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN :—" They are already doing that."

Mr. U. G. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT :—" May I know how many cattle have died in rinderpest in South Kanara ? "